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Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is set out below. Please amend claim 1 as shown below and cancel claims 5-18 without prejudice:

1. (currently amended): An improvement station for improving the longitudinal uniformity of a wet coating on a substrate having a direction of motion comprising:

- (a) two or more pick-and-place devices that rotate ~~or translate~~ in the direction of motion or
- (b) four or more pick-and-place devices that rotate ~~or translate~~ counter to the direction of motion,

and in which the pick-and-place devices (a) or (b) periodically contact the wet coating at a first position on the substrate and ~~contact~~ re-contact the wet coating at positions on the substrate whose lengths along the substrate with respect to the first position are not all the same.

2. (previously presented): An improvement station according to claim 1 wherein at least two of the pick-and-place devices (a) or (b) have contacting periods that improve coating uniformity in the direction of substrate motion.

3. (previously presented): An improvement station according to claim 1 wherein the pick-and-place devices (a) or (b) comprise a train of three or more rolls that contact the wet coating, and the rotational periods of three or more of the rolls are not periodically related to one another.

4. (previously presented): An improvement station according to claim 3 wherein the pick-and-place devices (a) or (b) comprise a train of five or more rolls.

Claims 5-18 cancelled.